

I claim:

1. An automated system for generating an article describing an event comprising
a log comprised of recorded events;
means for generating statistics from the game log;
5 a plurality of article templates, each template having associated with it at least
one condition;
means for comparing the at least one condition to the statistics and for
identifying as candidate templates those templates for which the at least one condition
is met by the statistics;
10 means for selecting one template from amongst the candidate templates; and
means for generating a finished article from the selected template and the
recorded events.
2. The automated system of claim 1 further comprising:
an interface by which an end-user may select a specific event for article generation
15 and by which the finished article is displayed to the end-user.
3. The automated system of claim 1 wherein the event is a sports event.
4. The automated system of claim 1 wherein the means for selecting comprises a
means for selecting the candidate having the most conditions.
5. The automated system of claim 1 wherein the recorded events are provided by
a scorekeeper and further comprising means for eliminating one or more of the
20 plurality of templates based upon a proficiency rating of the scorekeeper.
6. The automated system of claim 1 comprised of object oriented program
routines.

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18. A system for automatically generating a report about a happening comprising:
a database comprised of logs, each log corresponding to a specific happening and
being comprised of a plurality of events;
a statistics generator circuit coupled to the database, receiving as input the plurality of
5 events for a specific happening and outputting statistics regarding the specific
happening;
a template database comprised of article templates, each article template having one
or more conditions associated with it;
a template selector comprising
10 a comparison circuit coupled to the template database receiving as input the
one or more conditions associated with a first template under consideration and further
receiving as input statistics regarding the specific happening, and outputting an
indication whether the conditions associated with the first template are met by the
statistics; and
15 a selector circuit coupled to the comparison circuit, wherein the selector circuit
applies a weighting evaluation to each template having conditions met by the statistics
and outputs a single selected template; and
an article creator circuit receiving as input the selected template, wherein the selected
template comprises a body of text containing function calls and wherein the functions
20 calls call out for specific statistics, the article creator outputting a report comprising the
body of the text with the specific statistics inserted in place of the function calls.

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